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CHURCH SHOOTING LEAVES 26 DEAD

RAMPAGE: Armed with assault rifle, suspect shoots his way into Texas house of worship

SHOOTER: Soon after the attack, authorities find suspect dead in crashed vehicle

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Law enforcement officers gather near the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, after a gunman opened fire Sunday, killing 26 people and wounding at least 20 others.

VICTIMS RANGED IN AGE FROM 5 TO 72 YEARS OLD, OFFICIALS SAY

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SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas

A gunman clad in all black, with a ballistic vest strapped to his chest and a military-style assault rifle in his hands, opened fire on parishioners at a Sunday service at a small Baptist church in rural Texas, killing at least 26 people and turning this tiny town east of San Antonio into the scene of the country's newest mass horror.

The gunman was identified as Devin Patrick Kelley, 26, according to two law enforcement officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the investigation is continuing. Kelley, who lived in New Braunfels, died shortly after the attack.

Carrie Matula embraces a friend after Sunday's shooting. The gunman opened fire not long after the Sunday morning service began.

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He had served in the Air Force at a base in New Mexico, but was court-martialed in 2012 on charges of assaulting his wife and child. He was sentenced to 12 months' confinement and received a "bad conduct" discharge in 2014, according to Ann Stefanek, chief of Air Force media operations.

The motive of the attack was unclear Sunday, but the grisly nature of it could not have been clearer: Families gathered in pews, clutching Bibles and praying to the Lord, were murdered in cold blood on the spot.

Kelley started firing at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs not long after the Sunday morning service began at 11 a.m., officials said. He was armed with a Ruger military-style rifle, and within minutes, many of those inside the small church were either dead or wounded. The victims ranged in age from 5 to 72, and among the dead were several children, a pregnant woman and the

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BRIBERY INQUIRY EXPANDS TO SIXTY ADMIRALS

'Fat Leonard' probe involves hundreds of Navy officers

BY CRAIG WHITLOCK

The "Fat Leonard" corruption investigation has expanded to include more than 60 admirals and hundreds of other Navy officers under scrutiny for their contacts with a defense contractor in Asia who systematically bribed sailors with sex, liquor and other temptations, according to the Navy.

Most of the admirals are suspected of attending extravagant feasts at Asia's best restaurants paid for by Leonard Glenn Francis, a Singapore-based maritime tycoon who made an illicit fortune supplying Navy vessels in ports from Vladivostok, Russia, to Brisbane, Australia. Francis also was renowned for hosting alcohol-soaked, after-dinner parties, which often featured imported prostitutes and sometimes lasted for days, according to federal court records.

The 350-pound Francis, also known in Navy circles as "Leonard the Legend" for his wild-side lifestyle, spent decades cultivating relationships with officers, many of whom developed a blind spot

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QUESTIONS SURROUND HORRIFIC MARINE ACCIDENT

Details remain sketchy six weeks after fiery incident

BY GREG MORAN

Six weeks after 14 Marines and a sailor were injured in a horrific training accident that left several severely burned, all but one is out of medical care.

Yet weeks later the Marine Corps is still tight-lipped about what caused the Sept. 13 accident during a training exercise at Camp Pendleton, and won't even confirm media reports that an amphibious vehicle got stuck and then severed a gas line trying to get free.

The Marine Corps is also not releasing identities of any of the injured service members, saying to do so would violate their privacy.

Last week, a spokesman said there are two investigations into what caused the

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GOING OUT IN STYLE IN THE 'BIG APPLE'

D1 • The long and incredible competitive running journey of San Diego's Meb Keflezighi comes to a close at the New York City Marathon.

SAN DIEGO RIVER TEEMS WITH HOMELESS

Problem defies city's cleanup efforts after outbreak of hepatitis A

BY JOSHUA EMERSON SMITH

Sunlight shimmered through tree branches Tuesday afternoon, dappling a shady homeless camp along the San Diego River in the midst of uprooting.

Deep in the Mission Valley Preserve, Mike McCraken gathered up his possessions, preparing to move his four-month-old camp.

Along with tents, folding chairs and bikes, the area, inhabited by about a dozen people, was covered in dirty clothes and trash, including an overflowing garbage can and a bucket used for defecating.

A frown made its way across the 62-year-old's tanned, creased face as he held up a pink "special notice" from the city. McCraken said a park ranger had posted it at his camp two days before, giving him and his friends 72 hours to vacate or have their belongs confiscated.

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Charles Paul attends a memorial Sunday at San Diego Rescue Mission for homeless individuals who died. See story, A6

"You move, and then they'll come and tag your tent again," he said. "I asked (a police officer) for advice about where I should go

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ENDANGERED VAQUITA PORPOISE DIES AFTER BEING CAPTURED IN GULF

Rescue team heartbroken, calls loss 'devastating'

BY SANDRA DIBBLE

A vaquita porpoise captured by an international group of scientists attempting to save the species from extinction has died, prompting a review of the operation launched last month in Mexico's Upper Gulf of California.

"The entire rescue team is heartbroken by this devastating loss," read a statement sent Sunday by VaquitaCPR (Vaquita Conservation, Protection and Recovery), the name of the operation led by Mexico's Environmental Ministry in coordination with the San Diego-based National Marine Mammal Foundation and other organizations.

With fewer than 30 vaquita believed

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